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SUBJ: ME SITUATION: TOUR OF HORIZON WITH UN SYG WALDHEIM

1. REPORTED BELOW ARE ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM TOUR D'HORIZON I HAD WITH WALDHEIM LATE NOV 21 AT HIS REQUEST. IN GENERAL, WALDHEIM SEEMED IN GOOD MOOD, BUOYED UP BY (A) PROSPECT OF SEEING SECRETARY KISSINGER (B) WORD THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD HAD MUCH TO SAY ABOUT UN IN PRESS CONF NOV 21 (C) APPARENT CONFIDENCE THAT THINGS GOING FAIRLY WELL ON GROUND IN UN'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN ME AND (D) SATISFACTION THAT IN DEALING WITH ME CRISIS IN RECENT WEEKS UN HAD GAINED MUCH CREDIT IN EYES OF PUBLIC BOTH IN US AND IN EUROPE.

2. RE SYRIA, WALDHEIM WAS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF GUYER TRIP. HE STILL HAD NO HARD NEWS ON SYRIAN WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THOUGHT THEIR GENERAL POSTURE IMPLIED POSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE. WALDHEIM SAID UNTSO WAS SUGGESTING CREATION OF AN ARBITRARY DISENGAGEMENT LINE ON THE NORTHERN FRONT SOMEWHERE BETWEEN OCT 6 LINE AND PRESENT LINE. ONE WORRISOME NOTE WAS REPORT FROM UNTSO THAT SYRIANS CONCENTRATING TROOPS NORTHWEST OF SASSA AND SHOWING SIGNS OF WANTING TO INHIBIT MOBILITY OF UNTSO ELEMENTS.

3. RE SUEZ FRONT, GAMASY HAD TOLD SIILVASVUO THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELIS ON NOV 21 (AT WHICH SYRIA NOT PRESENT) CONFIDENTIAL

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HAD CENTERED ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NOV 11 AGREEMENT AND ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LINES OF DISENGAGEMENT IN SINAI ITSELF. THERE NOW LESS FOCUS ON ATTEMPTING TO RECONSTRUCT OCT 22 LINE. EGYPTIANS WANTED DISENGAGEMENT LINES AS FAR NORTH AS POSSIBLE AND ISRAELIS

WANTED OPPOSITE. WALDHEIM HAD IMPRESSION THAT BAB EL MANDEB ISSUE NOT VERY ACTIVE AND THAT EGYPTIANS WORRIED ABOUT REPORTS OF ISRAELI CAUSEWAY ACROSS CANAL, BUT BEING FAIRLY REASONABLE IN PROTESTS. WALDHEIM HAD IMPRESSION EGYPTIAN PERMREP MEGUID IN NEW YORK HAD ALSO NOW RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS "NOT TO BE TOO STIFF AND UNREASONABLE."
I TOLD HIM OF OUR PROBLEM WITH YEMENI-CUBAN AMENDMENT ON UNEF FINANCING, AND HE INDICATED AWARENESS THAT IT HAD BEEN INSTIGATED BY EGYPTIANS.

4. WALDHEIM SAW NO SERIOUS PRESSURE FOR EARLY MEETING OF SC. NON-ALIGNED UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS AT STAKE, WHERE REAL RESPONSIBILITY LAY, AND DANGER OF ACRIMONIOUS OPEN MEETING. WALDHEIM HIMSELF PLANNED MEET INFORMALLY WITH REPS OF NON-ALIGNED SC MEMBERS MORNING OF NOV 23 TO REVIEW SITUATION.
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